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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0217
Serial No.:	09/024,988	Examiner:	Anne L. Holleran
Filed:	February 17, 1998	Art Unit:	1642
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY		

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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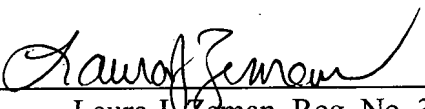
In the Office Communication dated May 2, 2007, the Patent Appeals Specialist stated that the brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters. In response to this statement, Appellants request further information regarding the non-compliance of the appeal brief. Appellants brief filed March 12, 2007 contains a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal and also refers to the specification by page and line number for each of the elements of the claims (see pages 3-7 of Appellants' brief filed in triplicate on March 12, 2007).

Appellants believe their originally filed brief is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §41.37. If the Patent Appeals Specialist considers Appellants brief to still be in non-compliance, Appellants

request the Specialist to identify with particularity the statutory section with which Appellants still need to comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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